

"Only the darkness  
brings out the light"

"Not how much  
but how we

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## ROOSEVELT J. C. CLOSES SUCCESSFUL YEAR

### Student Body Elects President

Early in the term, the freshman class met in the cafeteria to elect the president of the student body. Everyone was excited and full of anxiety with no one actually knowing his fellow students too well. The group nominated several persons. Through the process of secret ballot, the student body unanimously elected Alfred Newbold as the first president of the student body of Roosevelt Junior College.

Mr. Newbold was a member of the class of 1953 of Roosevelt High School, in West Palm Beach, Fla. He is now working as one of the youngest carpenters in this city and is also studying in the field of Mathematics.

After graduating from the Roosevelt Junior College, Mr. Newbold plans to attend Florida A&M University in Tallahassee.

### Mrs. Mitchell Chosen Miss RJC

Mrs. Maxine Mitchell "topped" eight candidates to become Homecoming Queen of Roosevelt Junior College in the fall election.

Mrs. Mitchell is a graduate of Union Academy, Bartow, Florida. She represented her school by riding in the Roosevelt High School's annual homecoming parade. She was dressed in red and white, temporary school colors. Her attendants were Loretta Martin and Annie Alford, whose costumes were also red and white.

Mrs. Mitchell plans to be an Elementary Education teacher. She has the honor of being the first Homecoming Queen of Roosevelt Junior College.

Gladys Rich

### Bible Verse

"Study to show thyself approved of God. A workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth." II Timothy 2:15.

### First Registrant



Mrs. Gloria Carter becomes the first registrant of Roosevelt Junior College.

### To Be Occupied Next Spring



### Opening Social

An Orientation Social was given for the students of Roosevelt Junior College during the week of September, 1958. This social was held in the High School gymnasium. The entertainment featured an assortment of musical selections, including popular and classical tunes, played on Hi-Fidelity records, featuring platters of "Bands From All The Lands." During the interim of the Get-Acquainted Social, refreshments were served. The menu included cookies and punch.

A pink and blue scheme was carried out in the decorations and the refreshment table was arranged in white and green, with green frappe.

The young men and coeds were dressed in Semi-Formal attire with white identification tags attached. Highlighting the occasion were waltzes and stroll numbers. The affair is to be long remembered by the lassies and lads of Roosevelt Junior College.

Malissa Y. Nelson

### Students Write Constitution and By-Laws

We, the students of Roosevelt Junior College, in order to reveal sound judgement, skill and an understanding of current affairs, and to play our part in the present day complicated political, economic and social activities around us, do ordain and establish this constitution for the student body.

The constitution includes eight articles governing students, their offices and the execution of duties of officers, culminating with the oath of office. Before a student accepts or executes an office he shall take the following affirmation:

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of (office) of the Roosevelt Junior College, and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the constitution of the Roosevelt Junior College.

R. M. Goshia

### Opening Activities



Entrance Examination

### Proposed Programs of Study

The curricula listed below are offered by Roosevelt Junior College to serve a variety of individual needs.

These curricula are designed to cover the first two years of a typical college program in liberal arts, business administration and/or

education and business.

General Education Curriculum  
Pre-Medicine or Pre-Dental  
General Business  
Fre-Teaching  
Pre-Law  
Secretarial

Under the competent leadership of its president, Mr. Britton G. Sayles, Roosevelt Junior College closes a successful year.

The college family, having worked hard to meet the challenge of its new responsibility, looks forward to the school opening next Spring, when it occupies the new building which is now under construction.

(See photo to the left)

### Roosevelt, The Community College

#### What is the Community College?

Roosevelt Junior College is a two-year College dedicated to the service of the people of Palm Beach County. It was established under the authority of the State of Florida and the Board of Public Instruction of Palm Beach County, primarily to fulfill the educational needs of those students living within this area.

#### What is the College's Responsibility To the Community?

Your Community College believes that higher education should be available for all students who can profit from its offering. From experience, we know that our students will be of all ages and have a variety of personal educational needs. We also know that the community as a whole has needs which are fundamental to its successful existence. Accordingly, it then becomes our obligation to offer as many opportunities for specialized training as practicable. At the same time we must help all of our students, regardless of personal career plans, to become contributing and responsible members of the community.

#### What is the College's Responsibility To the Students?

For the younger student looking ahead to completing a degree from a four-year college or professional school, the college offers the first two years of undergraduate work in courses which parallel those of the four-year institutions.

For those students who are seeking job competence in the one or two years they plan to spend at Roosevelt Junior College, there is a choice of several terminal programs.

Older students, without reference to their previous training, may find themselves at a career point where additional training will improve their earning power or prepare them for new employment.

Thus Roosevelt Junior College opened its doors in September, 1958.

### Quotation

A student who daily realizes how much he has yet to learn, but forgets not what he has already learned, he is a lover of learning.—Confucius.

Bible Verse and Quotation presented by Rev. P. J. Yancy

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## Saying

"Writing is about the best way I know to develop insight into life and into character. When you begin to study the people around you, you begin to see beneath the surface. Every hour a man spends writing develops his skill and sympathetic perception."

## President of Student Council



We are making history in education in this city, and the eyes of the world are upon us. Comprehension of the nature and responsibilities of modern life and matured capacities for understanding current affairs are expected of us.

There are some potential talents of one kind or another in all of us, and fortunately Roosevelt Junior College is at hand, otherwise for some, our useful human values would remain submerged within us.

Our aim is to take a step toward leadership and academic achievements. To accomplish our goal we must apply ourselves.

Alfred Newbold,  
President, Student Council

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## President's Message



### Greetings:

In the name of higher education, I greet the patrons and friends of Roosevelt Junior College and express my appreciation for the opportunity to serve as an instrument in a program of extended education to all. I highly commend the foresight of those who visioned such educational opportunities. I congratulate the young men and women who have seized the chance to learn, for fully do we realize that education maketh a well informed citizenry. Society today is calling for a thinking people and people must learn to think for themselves and to think wisely and well.

May this, your first issue of *The Inquirer*, lead to a fruitful publication.

I solicit the help, cooperation, and forces of each of you as we work diligently for the greatest good for the greatest number.

Sincerely,  
BRITTON G. SAYLES

## Christmas Party

With the spirit and the thought of giving in their hearts, the student body of Roosevelt Junior College enjoyed a most delightful evening at its first Christmas party.

The background was one fit for the occasion. There were Xmas trees representing both the High School and Junior College.

Although Santa wasn't there, each student was surprised with a gift. How? By means of a grab bag, of course. Boy! Were we surprised?

### A BETTER ONE

Once an uprooted, carefree idler;  
My thoughts were often on the run,

Time, unlimited was fun.

Oh, but I could be a better one!  
Now I have put off slothful things,

Replaced them with work supreme;

While working, playing, thinking, praying,

I have no time for idle dreams.

Ruth Goshia



New and old students get together. Seated in front left to right: Mrs. Bertha Bates, William Vann Daughtry and Mrs. Con Turnquist.

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## Editorial

Now, as never before, men and women of superior ability and advanced training are in great demand. A revelation of shortages in both professional and scientific fields have focused attention on the acute need for well trained men and women. "Business strongly prefers the college graduate."

Although most of the noticeable increases in educated talent have come in the fields of science and technology, there has also been a creditable increase in the demand for men of high training in managerial or administrative positions. Dr. John W. Gardner, president of the Carnegie Corporation of New York, states that public administration at all levels has shown the same leaning toward highly trained men.

"Today the man with a degree is taking over every central and significant activity in our society." Since there has been such an increased demand for educated talent, the role of our colleges and universities has taken on new emphasis and new importance.

Even though specialization for certain purposes of government, science, and business is advisable and necessary, our complex rapidly changing and adapting society calls also for men and women with a general education which will enable them to see and cope with larger relationships; which will enable them to survive the ups and downs of specific demand, and yet adapt themselves to changing situations.

## Dean-Registrar



Congratulations to members of the staff who are responsible for this publication. As we look at the School Year 1958-59 in retrospect, it becomes evident that many historic events have taken place. The establishment of Roosevelt Junior College is of special significance for all of us. The Junior College, in our modern society, represents more than a promise for the future. It is a vital present-day reality, a vigorous institution. Throughout the country an increasing number of students attend community colleges in or near their hometowns.

Roosevelt Junior College is a Community College designed to meet the needs of youth and adults in Palm Beach County and surrounding areas. Take advantage of the opportunity; yours is a glorious future; make every minute of every hour count.

Yours for Success,  
PAUL W. BUTLER,  
Dean-Registrar

## SNEA Club



### Orientation Ball

One of the gayest affairs held at Roosevelt Junior College was the Valentine - Orientation Ball. This party was given to welcome the new students who enrolled the second semester.

Students played various games and engaged in dancing and refreshments. Mrs. M. T. Holliday, Physical Education Instructor at the College, made pictures of the class and faculty.

The new members received words of welcome from the college president, Mr. B. G. Sayles; dean-registrar, Mr. P. W. Butler; and our class president, Mr. Alfred Newbold.

### Spring Promenade

On the night of May 24, 1959, Roosevelt Junior College presented its first formal dance. This fabulous affair began at 9:00 P. M. and lasted until 1:15 A. M. During those moments of enchantment, many persons who were not known for dancing, were swaying to music played by Tiny Ferguson and the Royal Shieks. Many new faces were seen as guests of the students came in. Some of the guests were from out of town.

The decoration committee had worked hard and faithfully and their efforts were rewarded, for the gym was indeed a beautiful sight. It had the suggestion of a tropical paradise in the moonlight.

As everyone danced away the time he was taken by the gay tropical mood. And as everyone left, compliments could be heard everywhere. It was evident that everyone had enjoyed himself at the Promenade.

Claudia Williams

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### RJC Students Participate In Delta Jabberwock

Roosevelt Junior College students found themselves in the maze of humor, cowboys, music and drama of T. V. Land as presented on the Delta Sigma Theta's annual Jabberwock on March 13, 1959.

A short skit based on "Our Miss Brooks" was presented by the college students and received a rousing round of applause. Although the skit was non-competitive, many critics expressed the opinion that it was superbly characterized.

The cast consisted of Claudia Williams as Miss Brooks, Betty Whitten as Mrs. Davis, Dan McDuffy as Walter and Vann Daughtry as Boynton.

### Original Poems

#### A College Education

When I was a boy not so high,  
I dreamed that upon an Education I could rely,  
To reach for the sky was my endeavor,  
I would not fail, no not ever.  
I'd comprehend knowledge in every way,  
An become master of all I survey.

Milton Strickland  
Love is the earth's sweet sand  
That was molded by God's own hand;  
Love is the breath that he blew,  
And from it man was made new.

#### II

Love is that radiant light,  
Which gives forth to man  
Its wonderful glories of night,  
Love is that feeling that God alone can give,  
A truly magnificent purpose for man to live.

Malissa Nelson



A Biology Class at Work

### Organized and Proposed Clubs

With consideration given to extra-class activities, the faculty and students met and organized the following clubs which were requested by the student body:

(1) The SNEA which is an organization formulated for all students who plan to become teachers. The elected officers of the SNEA are: President, Mrs. Alveta Townsend, Vice President, Claudia Williams, Secretary, Mrs. Betty Dawson, Reporter, Mr. Milton Strickland, Chaplain, Reverend P. J. Yancy, Treasurer, Mr. Dolph Fells and the sponsor, Mrs. C. B. Bridwell.

(2) Dramatics, Science, Business and Social Science Clubs were also organized. The Science Club is under the sponsorship of Mr. John Powell, Jr. The Business Club is under the direction of Mr. E. Vessel. The Social Science Club will be under the direction of Mr. C. McLendon.

(3) The Chorus was organized under the direction of Mrs. Gilliam. This group began with great spirit and co-operation.

The following clubs will be organized in the future: 1. Spanish Club, Mathematics Club, Physical Education Club and any other clubs in which students express an interest and evidence a need.

### Bulletin

Secretarial Student, Pat Williams, 18, went numb with astonishment upon hearing herself acclaimed Miss Sacramento. She is the first Negro ever to wear the local crown. Miss Williams now aspires to the Miss California and Miss America titles.

### On Their Way To Class



The following students are on their way to class: Left to right—Mrs. Minnie Horne, Eddis Ree Jones, Homer C. Battle, Mrs. Maxine Mitchell, Lillian McKinney, Mary Brown.

### A Roving Reporter Reports

Mrs. Townsend: "Our first formal was a success."

Mrs. Gilliam: "Simple, but unique. Very pretty."

A high school senior: "I hope our prom is carried out as nicely."

A guest: "Pretty decorations; pretty girls, and the food! um! um!"

The Dean: "An outstanding social event."

Mr. McLendon: "The gayest affair of the year."

Mrs. Goshia: "Excellent!"

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Miss Malissen Nelson receives from Mrs. Smith, secretary of RHS, the first Application Blank to be filed with the Junior College.

## Business Club



These future Business Leaders of America have as their officers: President, Homer L. Battle; Vice President, Ada Johnson; Secretary, Louise King; Asst. Secretary,

Betty Dawson; Treasurer, Bertha Bates; Business Manager, Annie Alford; Chaplain, Mary Brown; Reporter, Isabella Brown; Sponsor, E. L. Vessell.

## Choral Club



Choral Group

## Roosevelt J. College Students Participate In RHS Annual Christmas Sing

On Sunday, December 19, 1958, three students of Roosevelt Junior College participated in the Christmas Program sponsored by the Music Department of Roosevelt High School.

Those participating were: Alzalee Colbert, Lilla McKinney and Bettye Northern.

Alzalee Colbert

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## Honor Students



3.0 or over.

Reading from left to right: Miss Gladys Rich is an honor student (part-time); Mrs. Aleveta Townsend and Mrs. Bettye Dawson are the two students who made the Dean's List.

The purpose of the Roosevelt Junior College Dean's List is to commend officially those full-time students whose grades are "B" average, 3.0 or over.

Commendation is given also to the students who are part-time but who earn a quality point average of

## On The Faculty Front

During the present school term, faculty members have attended many significant conferences and educational forums in and out of the state.

Mr. B. G. Sayles, president, attended the Principals' Conference at Bethune-Cookman College during the month of October. He attended the Florida Council of Institutions of Higher Learning held in St. Petersburg during the fall and in Daytona Beach during the spring. He also attended the FSTA in Tampa in April.

Mr. P. W. Butler, Dean-Registrar, attended the Teacher Education Advisory Council when it met at Bethune-Cookman in Daytona Beach, and when it met at Florida A&M University in Tallahassee. He attended, also, the meeting of the National Association of Collegiate Deans and Registrars March 18-20, 1959, at Southern University, Baton Rouge, La.

Mr. C. McLendon served as consultant at the recent FSTA.

Mrs. Mary Holliday and Mrs. C. B. Bridwell attended the Florida Guidance Conference at Florida A&M University in February.

Members of the faculty are frequently called upon to give community services. This they willingly do.

## The Best In The World

"The best in the world"—  
That's a title that's meant  
To fit you, dear Mother,  
One hundred per cent.  
And if wishes for joy  
Just come true, you can bet  
That the "best in the world"  
Is the kind that you'll get.  
There's no one like you.

No Mother quite so true,  
No one who seems to know and  
care

In quite the way you do.  
Many happy memories prompt this  
message sent to say  
That there's much love within  
this heartfelt prayer:  
"May God bless you abundantly,  
And keep you in his care."  
Bettye Jene Northern

## Scholarship Donor



Pres. B. G. Sayles of Roosevelt Junior College is shown receiving from J. A. French, a check for a one year scholarship to be awarded to a worthy student at the college. Mr. French is agent for the Carolina Home Life Ins. Co. Others in the picture are: Miss Margie Chandler, Carolina Home Agent, and Roosevelt Dean-Reg. Paul W. Butler.

## Outlanders Dictionary

The following dictionary is designed to help outlanders speak more precisely during their visit to Charleston, South Carolina:

ABODE — wooden plank.

BEACKON — meat from a pig, often eaten with a-igs for brake-fuss.

COAT — where they got that jedge an' all, i.e., "Stannup for hiz-zoner coats in session."

HOT — internal organ which beats when the band strikes up "Dixie."

SEX — one less than seven, two less than eh-et, three less than noine, foe less than tin.

TIN SIN STOW — the foive and doime.

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